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PARIS FOR MELONE

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SUBJECT: INCIDENT INVOLVING MALIAN/UPPER VOLTAN MILITARY

1. FOREIGN MINISTER ZERBO CONVOKED THE MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FRIDAY MORNING JUNE 6 AT 1000, AND INFORMED US OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 3RD, A MALIAN PATROL ENTERED THE VOLTAN VILLAGE OF DARA, AND TOOK THE VILLAGE CHIEF AND A FEW OTHER MEMBERS FROM THE VILLAGE CAPTIVE. DARA IS ABOUT FOUR KILOMETERS FROM THE MALIAN FRONTIER. IT IS NORTH OF OUAHIGOUYA, AND CLEARLY OUTSIDE OF THE AREA WHERE THE FRONTIER HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF DISPUTE.

B. THE CAPTIVES WERE TAKEN ACORSS THE BORDER TO THE
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MALIAN VILLAGE OF BATOU (ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE KILOMETERS

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NORTH OF THE BORDER), WHERE ONE OF THE CAPTIVES WAS ABLE
TO ESCAPE. THE ESCAPEE RECROSSED THE BORDER AND MADE HIS
WAY TO VILLAGE OF BAN AND REPORTED THE INCIDENT TO THE
VOLTAN COMMANDANT STATIONED THERE.

C. A VOLTAN PATROL IMMEDIATELY SET OUT FOR BATOU.
JUST OUTSIDE OF BATOU THEY MET A MALIAN PATROL, WITH WHOM
THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE. FORMIN SAYS THAT THERE
WERE LOSSES ON THE MALIAN SIDE, BUT NO VOLTAN LOSSES.

D. AFTER THIS ENCOUNTER, THE VOLTAN TROOPS RETURNED TO
UPPER VOLTA WITHOUT THE VOLTAN CAPTIVES.

2. PRESIDENT LAMIZANA HAS SENT A TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT
EYADEMA OF TOGO REPORTING ANDPROTESTING THE MALIAN INCURSION
AND CAPTURE.

3. ON JUNE 5, WHEN I ACCOMPANIED COL WAGONER AND MAJOR
THOMAS ON A VISIT TO THE CHEF DE'ETAT MAJOR LACANAPE LAMIZANA,
LT COL LAMIZANA OFFERED HIS EXCUSE NOT ATTENDING THE
RECEPTION THAT I WAS GIVING FOR THE TWO MILITARY ATTACHES
THAT EVENING, AS HAVING TO LEAVE IMMEDIATE FOR OUAHIGOUYA.
DECON UPON RECEIPT.
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